

STAIRS SOAKED
WITH KEROSENE.Dastardly Attempt to Fire a
Tenement in West Nine-
teenth Street.

TWO FIRES SET IN BEDROOMS.

Nineteenth Blase in the Colum-
bus Avenue District Early
This Morning.

THREE ARRESTS BY POLICE.

All Suspicious Characters and
Found Loitering in and About
Apartment-Houses.

An attempt, very near successful, was made to burn the old four-story brick tenement-house 123 West Nineteenth street this morning. The stairways, hallways and hallways of the place were liberally soaked with kerosene and a torch was put to it in at least three places. In the house were five families, all colored. That they all escaped without injury is regarded by firemen as a miracle.

On the first floor of the building lives S. Kelly and his family, on the second floor Mrs. G. Kelly, a widow, and Peter Kelly, a chimney sweep; on the third floor, Mrs. Kelly Davis, her son and daughter, and on the fourth floor James Adams, a blind man. Adams' wife went to New Haven a few days ago, and he was, for the time, living with the Kelly family on the second floor.

A citizen passing through the street at 6:30 o'clock this morning noticed smoke coming from one of the windows on the fourth floor of the house. He hammered on the doors of the rooms occupied by the Kelly family, and screamed so loudly that every one in the house was aroused. Then he left the house and sent in an alarm from the nearest box.

Peter Kelly was the first one to rush down the stairs of the burning house. There was little smoke in the hall. A torch was almost overpowering. A man on the floor, two feet square, was seen. Kelly rushed into the room of Adams, snatched a carpet from the floor and in a minute had smothered out the flames. By this time all the people in the house were out in the street. Kelly had reached the scene. Kelly thought that all the fire was out, and sent the firemen away. But the smoke coming from the upper windows, and without paying any attention to the three fires on the floor, Kelly and Adams were locked. The blind man had secured them when he went down the earlier part of the evening to the rooms.



Last Call to Lunch!

of Kenny. The firemen broke in the door and found beds in each of the two rooms, with the mattresses in flames. Both mattresses had been soaked with oil. In ten minutes both these fires were out.

The firemen found that the only means by which an entrance could have been gained to the Adams rooms, was by way of a little window from the hallway. This window, while very small, was still large enough for a man to creep through. Adams remembered afterwards that he had not locked it. Just after the flames had been extinguished, there was found in the street, before the house, a tin can, still containing a few drops of kerosene. It was a gallon-can, and probably was dropped there by whoever put the oil in the house, and set fire to it. This can was taken to the house of Engine Company No. 14, in West Eighteenth street. From there it will be sent to the Fire Marshal, who will investigate the fire.

This morning's fire was the third of suspicious nature in the same house. Before there were no traces of incendiary, but there were strong suspicions. The first fire occurred a few days before Christmas. Then the flames were in the cellar. The next fire was four days later, at 3 o'clock in the morning on the second floor. It was put out by the tenants. The police are still busy investigating the numerous fires which have occurred on the west side of the city during the past few days. Special guards are now posted every night by the police of the one hundredth street station. Their instructions are to keep a close watch on suspicious characters and to keep a close watch on the tenants. Besides this the owners of apartment-houses have ordered the

janitors of their buildings to keep up a night patrol and look out for incendiaries. During the past twenty-four hours three more fires occurred in the district. Two of which, however, were accidental.

The first blaze was in the rear flat on the second floor of the apartment-house at 808 Amsterdam avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The firemen had no trouble in extinguishing it, but while it lasted there was considerable excitement in the neighborhood, where there are several other big apartment-houses.

Another alarm was sounded about two hours later for a blaze in the house of Stephen Klemka, at 207 West Seventeenth street. It was caused by a gas jet igniting a lace curtain, and only slight damage was done.

The third fire was at 1:15 o'clock this morning in the five-story double flat-house at 625 Columbus avenue, near Nineteenth and Ninety-first street, and was the thirteenth in that district during the fire plague.

Whether or not it was of accidental origin is still uncertain, but the police are investigating. It started apparently in a Chinese laundry in the basement, and was discovered by Policeman Ryan, of the one hundredth street station, who sent in the alarm.

There were many families in the building, and the fire caused considerable injury. One old man of eighty years was carried downstairs by the firemen. The fire itself was confined to the laundry, and the police arrested three suspicious persons, who could give no satisfactory account of themselves and

LAST DAY FOR TAX RETURNS.

Collector's Office to Be Kept Open
Until Midnight.New Suit to Evade the Income Tax
Begun in Chicago.

A full corps of assistants was on hand in the office of Internal Revenue Collector John A. Sullivan, at 114 Nassau street, this morning, to get to work on the large amount of mail on hand. Several bushels of large envelopes containing income tax returns came in early. This is the last day in which to file returns, and it is expected that there will be a continual rush to the office until late at night. There were not many personal calls early this morning, most of the income tax payers preferring to file their returns through the mail.

Chief Deputy Collector Wendell said that there had been no definite system decided on as yet regarding the method of procedure against delinquents, but he said that they would receive the full benefit of the law. He said that some time before such persons could be looked after, as no action could be taken against them until all the returns already filed had been attended to, and so far the clerks were at least 4,000 behind with the returns filed.

He said that the office would be kept open until 12 o'clock to-night to give everybody an opportunity to file their returns. Those who have failed to comply with the law by 12 o'clock to-night will be compelled to give up as a penalty an additional 50 per cent, on the amount of the tax to be paid in.

Over 1,500 people in Brooklyn are yet to file from. There were only a half dozen people at the Internal Revenue office for the Brooklyn district this morning. Acting Collector McKinney said that he would at once call upon all those who had failed to make a return at midnight.

"I am going down to see Mrs. Heity Green," said Mr. McKinney, "unless I find her return in one of the mails this afternoon."

TO EVADE INCOME TAX.
Chicago Decision That Affects the
Operation of the Law.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A letter has just been received here from Justice Jackson saying he would not be able to come to Washington this term.

This makes it beyond question that a rehearing of the Income Tax case, if ordered, cannot occur before next October.

CHICAGO, April 15.—In the United States Court, to-day, Judge Shawalter enjoined Siegel, Cooper & Co. from making any return to the Internal Revenue Collector under the provisions of the Income Tax law.

The restraining order was granted on a bill filed by Gerson Siegel, one of the New York stockholders in the defendant corporation. The bill attacks the law, and under the order the Government will be compelled to take part in the proceedings to defend the operation of the law.

A Baker Fatally Burned.
Thomas Gorman, employed in Muldoon's bakery, at 130 Vernon avenue, Long Island City, was fatally burned this morning at 4 o'clock. He up-
ped a cushion of oil that is used in making doughnuts. The oil fell on the big stove and ignited. The flames burned Gorman about the arms, body and legs.

Don't Worry How Your Money Will Pan Out.

Go to Housekeeping as you intended this Easter, and if you desire to know how far \$100.00 will go take a look at our show window and you will see a completely furnished four-room flat for

\$100.00.

THIS INCLUDES CARPETS, OILCLOTH, CURTAINS, CROCKERY, STOVE, TINWARE, PICTURES, PARLOR SUIT, BEDROOM SUIT, DINING-ROOM FURNITURE AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.

FOR EITHER CASH OR ON CREDIT AT A SLIGHT ADVANCE. If you wish to have something a little more elaborate, we have set out on our fourth floor a completely furnished 7-room flat for

\$250.00.

We are positive that if you will take a look at these furnished apartments they will suit, besides saving you time of selecting the various items, and, considering that you require no capital, you can get all these

ON OUR NEW MODEL CREDIT SYSTEM.

NO MONEY DOWN
IF YOU SATISFY US YOU ARE THE RIGHT PARTY.Everything for Housekeeping.
Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, Lamps, Baby Carriages, Oilcloths, Stoves, Pictures, Clocks, Portieres, Crockery, Refrigerators and Tinware, Lace Curtains.

WE ALLOW THE RAILROAD FARES BOTH WAYS TO OUT-OF-TOWN BUYERS.

J. & S. BAUMANN'S,
8th Ave. Cor. 19th St.OPEN SATURDAY EVENING UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.
N. B. Parties desiring information as to terms not covered by this ad. can write us whatever proposition they desire to submit and same will receive prompt attention

BOY TROLLEY-WIRE PULLER.

Only Thirteen and Arrested for Violating the Law.

Policeman Wemy's, of the Cedar street station, Brooklyn, is convinced that Christopher Haskell, thirteen years old, of 215 Knickerbocker avenue, is a villain. He was arraigned in the Gates Avenue Police Court on charges of attempting to cripple the Brooklyn City Railroad trolley system by pulling down a wire at Knickerbocker avenue and Melrose street.

The policeman, about 5 o'clock last night, saw a crowd of boys with a rope over the trolley wire trying to pull it down. Haskell was pointed out by a conductor and was arrested.

The boy declares he was returning from Sunday-school at the Mauger Street M. E. Church when he saw the boys trying to tear down the wire. He ran and notified the conductor of the next car to look out for trouble. In this way he made himself known to the conductor and was arrested.

The policeman says after he had arrested Haskell he was followed by a crowd of boys and young men, who stoned him all the way to the station-house. Frank Bloch, of 180 Throop avenue, is arrested.

In court this morning Haskell and Bloch were held in \$500 bail for trial.

INHALED GAS AND DIED.

Mrs. Fannie Dorion, of Brooklyn, Made Preparation for Death.

Mrs. Fannie Dorion, who lived with her brother-in-law, Charles J. F. Ritter, at 189 Dean street, Brooklyn, was found dead yesterday sitting beside the kitchen table. In the folds of a shawl about her head was a rubber tube connected with an open gas burner. Her husband, Edwin W. Dorion, left her four years ago, and is in Philadelphia. She was prominent in the work of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Dorion has a sister, Miss Jennie Johnson, who has charge of one of the departments of a big dry-goods store.

The dead woman and her sisters were intimate friends of the wife of Ashley W. Cole, Private Secretary to Governor Montross. Mrs. Dorion had two brothers, one of whom is a law student. She had practically been an invalid several years.

GREAT MEN PAY FINES.

Manager Henry Abbey and Editor Bonner Each Lose \$100.

Henry E. Abbey, the theatrical manager, and Frederick Bonner, of the New York Ledger, were fined \$100 by Justice Lawrence, in the Supreme Court, to-day for non-appearance as jurors.

Robert Hove, the printing-press manufacturer, was excused.

Stern Bros.

are prepared to take
FURS
On Storage

Furs and Fur Lined Garments, Rugs and Furs of every description, stored and insured against damage by moths and fire at very moderate rates.

During the Spring and Summer, alterations and repairs made at exceptionally low prices.

West 23d St.

Our \$12, \$14, \$15 Mens' Spring Suits, of the newest fabrics and styles, are the best values in this city.

VOGEL BROTHERS,

2292-2294 Third Ave.,
Near 125th St. Open Evenings.

Saloon-Keeper Dugan Missing.

Mrs. Kate Dugan, of 433 West 25th street, called at Police Headquarters to-day, and asked that a search be made for her husband, Thomas, who has a saloon at the corner of Twenty-seventh street and Ninth avenue. She said that he disappeared at West 17th street, near the corner of West 17th street, and that he was wearing a blue suit, blue eyes and heavy mustache.

Fought About a Woman.

John Skittles is in the hospital in Yonkers a critical condition from a stab wound in the back. John Latini, an Austrian, was arrested last night for the murder of Skittles. The two men had a disagreement last night, the result of which was paying attention to the same woman.

Spring Silks---Beautiful Display.

GREATER NEW YORK'S GREATEST STORE.

Magnificent Show---New Dress Goods.

Stylish Millinery.

You who saw our magnificent Millinery show of last week will scarcely recognize it to-day. More beautiful, if anything, but not the same.

Customers tell us that the special line of Trimmed Hats at \$10.00 to \$15.00 cannot be equalled in America at any other price. See them and judge.

UNTRIMMED Hats---larger assortment than ever before---here or elsewhere---Popular prices.

Evening, Fullest and Best. Rhinestones, Steel Ornaments---SPECIAL PRICES.

Suits, Capes, Jackets

The woman who hasn't looked lately has no idea of the wealth of style and luxury to be found right here. We have specially surprising how much elegance in a Spring Costume can be purchased for \$10.00. Ladies are delighted. See the Dresses and you'll no longer wonder why.

Capes, Jackets, Suits at \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.95, \$16.75---beautiful beyond anything you've ever seen at anything like such prices.

Here's a Special---A good Serge Suit in a style that has come to stay; correct in shape and faultless in every detail; excellent for wear; special at

4.98.

Also, as a grand leader, a number of elegant Crepon Skirts, worth not less than \$10.00, at

69.75.

Outing Goods---Special

Child's all-white Mexican Grass Hammocks, with iron end protectors, well made and strong; full size, braided edge, colored, iron end protectors.

All other styles at special prices. By Garden Sets, 3 and 4 pieces, all steel, very durable; usually \$10.00, at

25.

5.00 Crayon at 1.98.

Our Crayons and Pastels are superior to anything that has been made heretofore. As a special leader we still make a 1623 best at

1.98.

Genuine Free-Hand Pastel or Oil Painting at

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Muslin Underwear.

Cambrie Corset Covers, with hemstitched tucks, insertion and embroidered edging. .29
Very fine Cambrie Corset Covers, both low and high neck, with very fine embroidery. .49

Fine Muslin Gown, pointed yoke of fine embroidery, at value \$1.00, at .69

Very fine Muslin Gown, yoke of tucks and fine embroidery, at value \$1.00, at .69

An elegant lot of Skirts with deep ruffle of open-embroidered, value \$1.50, at .98

50 doz. Ladies' fine quality outing flannel Underskirts, in blue, white and pink and white stripes, at .25

Notions, Small Wares

Some pickings from Jaffray's Stock of Notions and Small Wares

Extra heavy Gold-Stamp Horn Bone--

8 inch, dozen, 7c; gross, .75

9 inch, dozen, 8c; gross, .90

10 inch, dozen, 9c; gross, 1.00

Pearl Corset Shields, pair, .15

Turney's Pin Books (full count) .06

Clinton's Safety Pins--

No. 1, dozen, 4c; gross, .45

No. 2, dozen, 5c; gross, .50

No. 3, dozen, 6c; gross, .57

Extra fine feather-stitched Braids, 3-yard lengths, 4 most desirable patterns, per piece, .06

Holyoke, Wellington and Manhattan Spool Cotton, dozen, .15

\$4.00 Golf or Bicycle

Hose at \$1.39.

60 pairs Men's Golf and Bicycle Hose in Scotch plaids, in 2 different patterns. These goods have been sold in stock at \$1.00 per pair and are sold by leading houses that keep sporting goods at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per pair.

\$1.39.

Not more than 2 pairs to any customer.

Extraordinary Sale of Men's and Young Men's \$4.00 and \$5.00

Derbys at \$1.69.

(See Window Display)

We have purchased from the best manufacturer of stiff hats in New York his entire sample line Spring Derbys at less than manufacturing cost.

By terms of purchase we are not permitted to publish the manufacturer's name, as he has an agency in every city with these established brands and prices. There are Men's and Young Men's Derbys in all the leading styles and colors, black, brown, tan, modes, mouse, Nubian, otter and many more; manufacturer's prices were \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.99, retail price \$4.00 and \$5.00; choice of entire line, at

1.69

Carpets---Special.

Tapestry, worth \$1.25, for .37

Magnifique, worth \$1.25, for .37

Extra Goblin, worth \$1.25, for .37

\$20 ORIENTAL RUGS, \$6.50.

The \$10 to \$15 Oriental Rugs are slip-
ply away fast at \$6.50. Going into the homes of people who know that they will last for generations and never fade. About 100 more to sell.

It's our way of introducing our newest line of Oriental Rugs. Take your choice, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, know it quick.

400 MATTINGS, 15c.

NOTE: We are American headquarters for China and Japan Matting---beyond even the shadow of a doubt. As an extra special for this week we offer an extraordinary fine lot of Mattings, value \$20 to \$30, at 15c per yard.

Important Sale of

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

From the Receivers of

E. S. JAFFRAY & CO.

No such sale has occurred in years. An opportunity for housekeepers to buy the choice of such an elegant stock at virtually their own prices may happen but once in a lifetime. The chance is now before you---will you take advantage of it?

Table Damask.

All-Linen Bleached Damask, 60 in., Jaffray's wholesale price \$5.00, at .45

All-Linen Bleached Damask, 60 in., Jaffray's wholesale price \$5.00, at .60

All-Linen Bleached Damask, 60 in., Jaffray's wholesale price \$5.00, at 1.00

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Napkins.

1/2 Napkins, Jaffray sold at \$5.00, at .39

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Sl Gloves 59c.

1,800 Pairs Ladies' 4-Button Kid Glove Gloves, all colors, worth \$1.00, at .59

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